



**Draft Minutes of the  
Miracle Mile Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site  
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 29th meeting**

September 14, 2006, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Flowing Wells Irrigation District  
3901 N. Fairview  
Tucson, Arizona 85705

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CAB Members Present: Gary Abrams, Robert Brobeck, David Crockett, Pauline Massie, Karen Ramage, Manuel Ramirez

CAB Members Absent: George Hembree, Netty Buras, Jan Randolph

ADEQ Staff Present: Tina Le Page, Project Manager; SRO; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO

Members of the Public Present: Molly Collins, Gerald Fordham

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The meeting began at 6:40 p.m.

**1. Call to Order/Introduction**

Co-chair Gary Abrams conducted introductions of the CAB members and public participants.

**2. Approval of Minutes for 4/20/06**

David Crockett motioned to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2006, meeting. Karen Ramage seconded the motion. The CAB voted to accept the minutes; all were in favor; none opposed.

**3. Site Investigation Update + Q&A**

Tina LePage introduced herself to the CAB. She said she became the project manager for the Miracle Mile WQARF site after Matt Doolen left ADEQ in May. She distributed two documents to the CAB showing the regional TCE concentrations and regional chromium contamination sampling results. She said not much has changed with the site data since the last monitoring reports in April 2006. The groundwater flows north, northwest, which has been consistent for the last seven years. She said there were some small detections of developed chromium south of Prince Road during the April 2005 sampling, but none were found during the April 2006

sampling, so the plume is now drawn from Prince Road north. Groundwater concentrations have stayed relatively the same. She said the next sampling event will take place in October 2006.

Tina Le Page reported that the draft Remedial Investigation (RI) has been completed for the Miracle Mile WQARF Site. ADEQ's contractors are working on the Land and Water Use Study, which will become part of the final RI. She said the current plan is for the draft RI to be completed and made available for public comment in the first quarter of 2007, hopefully by February 2007. She said the comment period will be 90 days and the CAB will have an opportunity to review and comment on the document during the comment period. She said a Responsiveness Summary will then be prepared with comments received. This document will also be provided to the CAB.

Gary Abrams said that it is at that time the CAB should be interacting with the public to get them involved in the process. Eileen Palese distributed a graph with the Remedy Selection Process and explained how the comment periods are handled and where the CAB can be involved in the process.

David Crockett asked about the status of the Spring Joint property. Tina Le Page said there are some parties interested in the property, but she heard they were having trouble getting bank funding.

Eileen Palese said that a public meeting is required to be held within 45 days after the release of the RI to discuss the remedial objectives for the site. She said the CAB will be called upon to participate at this meeting. She explained that CAB members can comment as a group on the draft RI and the remedial objectives. CAB members can also comment as individuals. Gary Abrams said it may be difficult generating interest in the public meeting.

Eileen Palese said ADEQ will do a mailing and David Crockett had said that a notice could be sent to FWID customers. The CAB discussed how to increase more interest in the site and the public meeting. They also discussed holding a CAB meeting around the time of the release of the draft RI to plan for the remedial objectives process.

Gary Abrams asked how the CAB can be functional in this process. Eileen Palese said that the public meeting is an integral point of involvement. Gary Abrams asked about "hard-selling it" to the public. Tina Le Page said that she does not believe we can do that, but the remedial objectives stage is when you would want the public to say whether they agree or don't agree with ADEQ's plan. She acknowledged that getting a lot of public participation is always difficult. Gary Abrams said that early on the CAB was told they would go out into the public and bring back input to the CAB. Eileen Palese said that the CAB is called upon to do outreach, but members have expressed their frustration in trying to interest the public.

#### **4. Flowing Wells Irrigation District Update + Q&A**

David Crockett updated the CAB on the construction of a Flowing Wells Irrigation District (FWID) treatment plant to comply with arsenic standards and to treat volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the groundwater. The new system will be located at Roger and Pomona, with another well on Romero Road. He said the contractor had to start five weeks late causing the project to

be behind schedule. He said plans are to now complete the work by mid-October. He said staying on schedule depends on the completion of the well. He said they had to apply for a discharge permit from Pima County. All of the treatment vessels are now on site and a concrete driveway completed. He explained that FWID partnered with ADEQ on the funding for the portion of the system that will treat VOCs because the well is within the Superfund site. He said they have been unable to run some wells to avoid pulling the TCE plume, but now they can pull this groundwater to the site and treat both arsenic and TCE with the one treatment system.

He said ADEQ has expressed an interest in holding a dedication ceremony for the new treatment system. The CAB discussed the event program and was invited to participate. They agreed that this event would be a good outreach opportunity.

#### **5. Call to the Public**

No public participant wished to comment.

#### **6. Continuation of CAB Vision Statement Discussion**

The CAB decided to hold this agenda item until the next meeting.

#### **7. CAB Membership Recruitment Discussion**

CAB members discussed their efforts to encourage neighborhood participation on the CAB. Some expressed the frustration trying to find people that are interested in participating.

#### **8. Other Administrative Business**

The CAB discussed changing the time of the meetings, which is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The members present agreed to hold future meeting from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. until further notice.

#### **9. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion**

The next meeting of the Miracle Mile Community Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2006, at the Flowing Wells Irrigation District, 3901 N. Fairview, in Tucson. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO, at (520) 628-6712, or email at [palese.eileen@azdeq.gov](mailto:palese.eileen@azdeq.gov), for meeting information and proposed agenda.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

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